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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Piechowiak et al. (US 6,168,523 B1), Mayeroff (US 6,168,894).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed limitations of independent claim 1, specifically "each time a change of siad meter occurs during the bonus game, said change is based on the second component of the wager in the base game" with respect to the prior art. Applicant expressed intent to file claim amendments to further clarify how a change in the meter is based upon a wager component in order to distinguish the claims from the cited prior art, which the examiner will consider upon receipt. No agreement with respect to the claims was reached.

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